GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:36
ANSWERED ON:21.11.2000
UNAPPROVED TECHNICAL COLLEGES AND IITS
SURESH RAMRAO JADHAV (PATIL);VSM (RETD.) COL. CHOUDHARY

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it has come to the notice of the Government that unapproved technical colleges and IITs are running under the patronisation of some universities;

(b) if so, the facts in this regard;

(c) the number of such colleges/institutions in the country, which have come to the notice of the Government State-wise; and

(d) the action taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to curb mushrooming of such institutions/colleges in the country?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI)

(a) to (d): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN PARTS (a) to (d) OF THE REPLY TO THE LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 36 FOR 21.11.2000 ASKED BY COL.(RETD.) SONA RAM CHOUDHARY AND SHRI SURESH RAMRAO JADHAV REGARDING UNAPPROVED TECHNICAL COLLEGES AND IITs.

Indian Institutes of Technology have been set up by the Government of India under a separate Act of Parliament and they award their Degrees as empowered under the Institutes of Technology Act. All other institutes awarding Diplomas and Degrees in technical subjects need to have approval of the All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE) under the AICTE Act. AICTE maintains records of all technical institutes approved by it.

As soon as the existence of any unapproved technical institutes comes to the knowledge of AICTE, they serve notices to them and warn them to get formal approval as per AICTE Act or stop functioning. It has come to the notice of the AICTE that some courses like Master of Information Technology (MIT), Bachelor of Information Technology (BIT), Bachelor of Software Engineering (BSE), etc are being run by some Universities without the prior approval of AICTE. AICTE has taken up the matter with the Universities and as well as with the University Grants Commission (UGC) for necessary corrective steps. In addition to that both the AICTE and UGC have set up Cells for prevention of malpractices to curb such violations.

The list of approved institutions is available with AICTE and their seven Regional Offices and is also displayed on the AICTE Web site. In order to protect the public from unapproved institutions, the Council also publishes notices in leading News Papers from time to time advising all concerned to check the approval status of institutions.